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To the FDA:

RE: DOCKET NO. 98N-1265

I send this letter as a consumer of healthcare services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of the physician and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a healthcare consumer, there should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I may live or may travel. The MOU must be amended!

The FDA is an agency of the U.S. Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. THIS IS NOT A SAFETY ISSUE!! As a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people. Once again, the MOU must be amended!

I had my thyroid removed 12 years ago because of cancer and will continue to be on thyroid medication. I have had many problems with the synthetic form called Synthroid. I have found relief by taking a natural form of thyroxin compounded by a compounding pharmacy located out of state. Some patients have trouble absorbing the synthetic form, Synthroid. I would like to remind you that synthetic drugs are NOT the same as drugs made from natural sources.

I DEMAND as a human being and as a citizen of a free and democratic country, the right to have a choice as to which pharmacy I can use. And to have unlimited choices in regards to synthetic or natural drugs depending on which works best for me.

Sincerely,

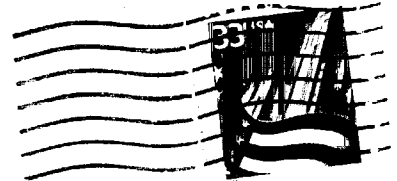


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